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SUBJECT: POPOV-HARTMAN MEETING, SEPTEMBER 10

1. AMBASSADOR POPOV CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN ON SEPTEMBER 10 TO REQUEST THAT A MEETING BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV AND THE SECRETARY BE ARRANGED DURING THE FORMER'S STAY IN THE U.S. FOR THE UNGA. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT MLADENOV WOULD ARRIVE ON SEPTEMBER 27 AND LEAVE ON OCTOBER 2 AND IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT 1:00 PM ON OCTOBER 1. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT MLADENOV WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET THE SECRETARY EITHER IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON. IN RESPONSE, HARTMAN SAID HE WOULD RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY.

2. POPOV ALSO RAISED THE CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. HE STATED THAT THE GOB HAD APPROVED OUR PROPOSAL THAT PAPAZOV (CSTPHE) COME TO THE U.S. TO SIGN THE GENERAL AGREEMENT. THEY PREFERRED THAT HE COME AS THE
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GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT'S SCIENCE ADVISOR, AS HAD THE

CHAIRMAN OF THE POLISH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS COMMISSION. THE AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOB WISHED TO SIGN THE GENERAL AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND DID NOT BELIEVE IT EITHER NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO AWAIT THE COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM DOCUMENT. HARTMAN REPEATED OUR BELIEF THAT WE SHOULD BEGIN WORK ON THE PROGRAM DOCUMENT SINCE THE TIMING FOR PAPAZOV'S VISIT AND THE SIGNING OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT COULD PROVE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE FOR THE NEAR FUTURE WHICH PROMISED TO BE A PERIOD OF INTENSE ACTIVITY FOR US. DURING A BRIEF REVIEW OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, HARTMAN REITERATED THAT WE WERE PLEASED WITH ZHIVKOV'S POSITIVE STATEMENT ON DIVIDED FAMILIES PROBLEM BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CASES MORE QUICKLY AND FAVORABLY RESOLVED.

3. AT POPOV'S REQUEST HARTMAN ALSO GAVE A BRIEF SURVEY OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS.; ROBINSON

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